

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Pentagon Plays Hide and Snoop

Drew Pearson is touring the Balkans. In his absence, his column is written by his associate.

By Jack Anderson

Playing Pentagon peekaboo, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and scowling Air Force Chief, Gen. Curtis LeMay, recently completed an investigation of each other that ended in a stand-off.

Both men sent their gumshoes prowling through the Pentagon, like television heavies, seeking incriminating evidence on one another.



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What started all the snooping was an article which Richard Fryklund, news man for the Washington Star, had written but never published. He had shown it around the Pentagon, however, causing consternation in high places.

He had written that the military planners had set up an optional target system, a matter that wasn't supposed to be known outside the Pentagon's most secret rooms. Indeed, he had even mentioned the secret number of optional targets.

The horrified McNamara, anxious to plug a leak of classified information, ordered a watch on Fryklund's movements.

At a subsequent meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff,

McNamara confided that the gumshoes tailing Fryklund had reported back something interesting.

They had followed him as he trudged around the Pentagon, distributing complimentary copies of a new book he had written. Most of the copies, the watchdogs had reported triumphantly, had gone to Air Force officers.

McNamara commented dryly that Fryklund's friends seemed to be in the Air Force, therefore the classified information must have come from the Air Force.

"I am tired of these blanket accusations," growled LeMay. "I think it came from your office."

"All right," offered McNamara cheerfully, "you investigate my office."

Thus began the great game of hide-and-go-snoop, pitting Defense Department investigators against Air Force investigators. To no one's particular surprise, they came up empty-handed.

NOTE—Investigating news sources has become such a popular Pentagon pastime that even the FBI has been called in on the sport. McNamara has asked the G-men to check on the sources of no less than the New York Times distinguished military writer, Hanson Baldwin.

Refugee Racketeers

From secret State Department files, the story can now be told how Philip Bonsal, as

Ambassador to Cuba in 1960, tried to block the Narcotics Bureau from getting two alleged racketeers kicked out of Cuba.

In an official communique to the Cuban Government, the Narcotics Bureau identified Jake Lansky and Giordano Cellini as American mobsters and asked dictator Fidel Castro to deport them.

The pair had been helping Santo Trafficante Jr., one of the top ten in the American underworld, to operate Havana's glittering, pre-Castro gambling casinos.

Only a few months earlier, Jake, brother of gang boss Meyer Lansky, had been searched as he passed through Miami. He was carrying a brief case stuffed with \$200,000 in greenbacks and \$50,000 in checks.

But Ambassador Bonsal opposed the Narcotics Bureau's deportation request. A confidential State Department document gives this account of a conference that took place in the Havana Embassy on May 12, 1960:

"The Ambassador stated that as a Nation advocating justice and equality for all, we certainly would not act in that regard by recommending the deportation of persons such as Lansky and Cellini on the basis of meager information with no evidence to substantiate it."

"He requested that Mr. Brown (an Embassy aide) forward a message to the State Department indicating the

Embassy's position on this matter so that steps could be taken to prevent a recurrence of such injustice."

Questions and Answers

Q. I hear Jacqueline Kennedy's huntmaster found a high-paying tenant to rent out Glen Ora estate for the summer. What's the inside story?

—B. H. Warrenton, Va.

A. The First Lady leased Glen Ora originally through Charles Turner Jr., a real estate agent, who is also Master of the Hunt. Turner belongs to one of Virginia's proud old families, but the family fortune is running low. So he is obligated to make a dignified living. He was too reserved, however, to approach Mrs. Kennedy about subletting Glen Ora, though he knew Mrs. Paul Entenman, a New York socialite, wanted to rent it for the summer. Result: Mrs. Entenman arranged the lease through another broker, and Jackie's huntmaster lost the commission. The first family is collecting a reported \$2000 a month rent.

Q. Why don't you investigate the use of a Navy plane to fly 25 political hacks from Venice to Pensacola at the taxpayers' expense?—J. L. C., Venice, Fla.

A. The Navy is providing a free plane to fly 25 "civic leaders" from Venice to Pensacola this week for a 2-day orientation visit aboard the aircraft carrier Antietam.

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